

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments.

The Specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to related applications PCT/US2004/031326, international filing date of September 24, 2004, which claims priority to U.S. Serial No. 60/506,812, filed September 29, 2003.

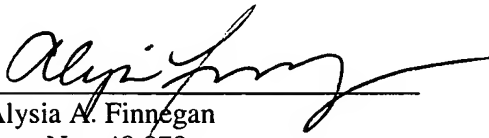
Claims 3, 10-12, 16, 22, and 23 are amended herein to correct minor editorial oversights. Support for the amendments can be found, *inter alia*, in original claims 1-25. No new matter has been added.

Claims 18, 24, and 25 are canceled herein without prejudice to pursuing the subject matter of said claims in a later filed divisional application(s).

Applicants assert all claims are in condition for allowance and a favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be of value, he is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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